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None of the cited references teach or suggest the use of phytosphingosine as a slimming agent.

Furthermore, claim 31, which depends from claim 33, relates to a hydrochloride salt of phytosphingosine and does not change the patentability which is already obtained for claim 31.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

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